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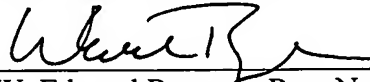
Dear Sir:

In the Official Action dated December 28, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 between four asserted species of the claimed invention: Group 1 (Fig. 3); Group 2 (Fig. 6); Group 3 (Fig. 7); and Group 4 (Fig. 8). The distinction being made by the Examiner appears to be on the form of the end-piece and the base mount. The Examiner required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims would be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, and noted that claim 1 is generic.

Applicant elects Group 2 (Fig. 6) with traverse. Claims 1-19 are readable thereon. Applicant submits that it would not be unduly burdensome to include all disclosed variations of the base mount or end-pieces in a single application.

It is believed that this represents a complete response to the election and restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action, and places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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